

**ACCOUNTING EXAMINING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2010**

PRESENT: Thomas Kilkenny, Steven Corbeille, Lucretia Mattson, Kim Tredinnick, Karla Blair, Glenn Michaelsen and Marion Wozniak.

STAFF: Angela Arrington, Bureau Director; Yolanda McGowan, Legal Counsel; Michelle Solem, Bureau Assistant; other DRL staff

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Karla Blair called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum of 7 members was confirmed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments

- Add Discussion Regarding Mandatory CE for Licensees under Credentialing/Education and Examination Issues

MOTION: Thomas Kilkenny moved, seconded by Lucretia Mattson, to adopt the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

Corrections:

- Thomas Kilkenny was absent from the meeting
- Insert "To the regional NASBA Conference" describing the travel report that was given.
- Note that Kim Tredinnick abstained with respect to 07 ACC 016
- Revised the last motion to reflect that the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Steven Corbeille moved, seconded by Kim Tredinnick, to approve the Minutes of September 23, 2010 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – ANGELA ARRINGTON, BUREAU DIRECTOR

Angela Arrington reviewed the 2011 meeting dates with the Board. She also noted that this would be her last meeting with the Board as she will be returning to the Division of Enforcement as a prosecuting attorney.

**PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS BY DIVISION OF
ENFORCEMENT OR ANY SUBMITTED AFTER PRINTING OF THE AGENDA**

Candace Bloedow and Heather Curnutt provided a presentation on the proposed stipulation for case 09 ACC 022 – Terrence K Rice and Terrence K. Rice, CPA.

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NASBA

Discussion of Accountancy Licensee Database

Ken Denny, NASBA Accountancy Licensee Database (ALD) representative provided the Board with an overview of the program. He highlighted the following:

- The state determines the extent of the information to be submitted and maintains total control over all information provided.
- NASBA and the State Boards are the only entities that will have access to the database at this time.
- NASBA is looking to roll out a public database in the future but this would only include information already available on our license look-up portion of our website.
- There may be funds available to assist with implementation of the IT portion of the project. NASBA would request a budget from us and will review for possible financial aid.
- There will be no charge for ongoing participation in the program. The initial start-up costs will be based upon the ability of our system to interface with that of NASBA.
- The ALD can also serve an audit function whereby it will issue an error alert for each file with inconsistent information.

Discussion of Focus Questions

The board discussed the focus questions and formulated responses.

Discussion of Mutual Recognition Agreement

No Discussion.

CREDENTIALING/EDUCATION AND EXAMINATIONS ISSUES

Discussion Regarding New Ethics Examination

Aaron Knautz discussed the need to review the existing ethics exam and develop an up-to-date exam. Kim Tredinnick volunteered to work with Aaron to develop the new exam for Board review.

Discussion Regarding Mandatory Continuing Professional Education (CPE) for Licensees

There was a great deal of discussion surrounding the idea of continuing education requirements for CPAs. It was noted that Wisconsin is the only state that does not currently require CPE. Tom Kilkenny noted that this issue had been discussed by the Board many times in the past, and was discussed and investigated extensively in the late 90s at the time the Board was considering adopting the major provisions of the UAA. The Board at that time considered the following in deciding not to require CPE. 1. The cost to implement, monitor and audit compliance is significant. For states that have CPE, the Boards and staff spend more time on CPE issues than anything else. 2. CPE is not a requirement for mobility. 3. The Board concluded the public is reasonably protected because audits are the only service that requires a license, and the vast majority of licensees that conduct audits are members of the WICPA or

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AICPA, that do require CPE. Additionally, most accounting firms and all firms that conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards also have CPE requirements. 4. The requirement for a peer review also provides some assurance that firms conducting audits have the appropriate competence. There was discussion about whether the public would expect a CPA to be subject to a CPE requirement and to what extent a CPE requirement for CPAs would protect the public interest. At this time, there is no statutory authority that would allow the Board to require CPE for licensees and should the Board decide that this is something that they wish to pursue, it would require a statutory change. Ms. McGowan told the Board that they can require licensees to take CPE as part of disciplinary action. While the discipline that the Board has seen is, in most cases, is not going to change due to mandatory CPE requirements. The Board will review cases periodically to see if a CPE requirement would reduce the number of disciplinary cases that are brought before the Board.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Thomas Kilkenny moved, seconded by Steven Corbeille, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.; consider closing disciplinary investigation with administrative warning (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats. and 440.205, Stats., to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85 (1)(f), Stats.; and, to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.) Motion carried by roll call vote: Karla Blair-yes; Steven Corbeille-yes; Lucretia Mattson-yes; Kim Tredinnick-yes; Marion Wozniak-yes, Glenn Michaelsen – yes; Thomas Kilkenny - yes.

Open session recessed at 11:46 a.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Steven Corbeille moved, seconded by Kim Tredinnick, to reconvene into open session at 12:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

VOTING ON ITEMS DELIBERATED IN CLOSED SESSION

PROPOSED STIPULATION

09 ACC 002

TERRENCE K. RICE AND TERRENCE K. RICE, CPA

MOTION: Lucretia moved, seconded by Kim Tredinnick, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Stipulation and Order, in the matter of 09 ACC 002, Terrence K. Rice and Terrence K. Rice, CPA. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPLICATION REVIEW

APPLICATIONS REVIEWED SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

Applicants applied based on examination, transfer of credit from another state and endorsement of license from another state. The Board took the following action on applications.

APPROVED FOR REGISTRATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

MOTION: Steven Corbeille moved, seconded by Kim Tredinnick, to act on the 43 applicants for registration as a Certified Public Accountant that were reviewed on September 20, 2010 as noted in the application files.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS REVIEWED DECEMBER 2, 2010

The Board took the following action on applications. Applicants applied based on examination, transfer of credit from another state and endorsement of license from another state.

FOR REGISTRATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

1) Approved

➤ CPA

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| 1 Arneson, Amanda M | 21 Maldonado, Jessie |
| 2 Bingner, Derik Mikel | 22 Mattson, Steven Lawrence |
| 3 Bosch, Patrick James | 23 Mau, Dawn M |
| 4 Clennan, Jeffrey Lawrence | 24 Mueller, Peter Aaron |
| 5 Coles, Melanie Claire | 25 Nikolai, Jake R |
| 6 Flom, Sara Anne | 26 Nooyen, Heather K |
| 7 Haasl, Elizabeth Catherine | 27 Pullara, Ashley M |
| 8 Hardy, Christopher Joseph | 28 Purcell, Daniel G |
| 9 Holewinski, Aaron M | 29 Riley, Skipper W |
| 10 Howery, Katie M | 30 Salmon, Danielle M |
| 11 Imp, John A Jr. | 31 Seehafer, Melanie Anne |
| 12 Kehoe, Mary Patricia | 32 Skatrud, John Harlan |
| 13 Keys, Leah L | 33 Toigo, Samantha M |
| 14 King, Jeffrey Jerome | 34 Wall, Justin P |
| 15 Klawiter, Mindy S | 35 Worthing, Brent Alan |
| 16 Krisciunaite, Laura | 36 Woanicki, Adam J |
| 17 Lau, Ming Fai | 37 Young, Thomas Meyers |
| 18 Lee, Jungwon | 38 Zerzghi, Elisabeth |
| 19 Lewandoski, Leah K | 39 Zoellick, David Zachary |
| 20 Lindrus, Beth C | |

➤ CPA contingent upon receipt of passing ethics exam score

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| 1 Bell, Lynn Marie | 3 Sharp, Brenda R |
| 2 Bittorf, Sarah J | 4 Smith, Jared Charles |

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- MOTION:** Kim Tredinnick moved, seconded by Marion Wozniak, to approve Paul R. Pillat as a Certified Public Accountant upon successfully passing ethics exam. Motion carried unanimously.
- MOTION:** Kim Tredinnick moved, seconded by Thomas Kilkenny, to approve Bonnie C. J. Swanson as a Certified Public Accountant. Motion carried unanimously.
- MOTION:** Kim Tredinnick moved, seconded by Steven Corbeille, to approve Erica Furukawa as a Certified Public Accountant. Motion carried unanimously.
- MOTION:** Lucretia Mattson moved, seconded by Thomas Kilkenny, to approve Sameera S. Totagamuwa as a Certified Public Accountant. Motion carried unanimously.
- MOTION:** Kim Tredinnick moved, seconded by Thomas Kilkenny, to approve Robert A. Loudon as a Certified Public Accountant. Motion carried unanimously.
- MOTION:** Thomas Kilkenny moved, seconded by Steven Corbeille, to approve Grant Stetzer as a Certified Public Accountant. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board took no action on the application submitted by Gwendolyn N. Clayton.

ADJOURNMENT

Karla Blair provided authorization for Angela Arrington to sign board documents

- MOTION:** Steven Corbeille moved, seconded by Kim Tredinnick, to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The following will be the application review for 2011 and will be scheduled at the convenience of the reviewing CPA:

March 10	Lucretia Mattson
June 2	Kim Tredinnick
September 22	Karla Blair
December 1	Thomas Kilkenny